

## Public Notice of Application for Permit

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Public Notice Date: May 29, 2009 Expiration Date: June 28, 2009 Reference: NWS-2002-190-WRD Name: Seattle Parks and Recreation

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit in accordance with Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, for certain work described below and shown on the enclosed drawings.

APPLICANT: City of Seattle Parks and Recreation

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<u>LOCATION</u>: In Lake Washington at the Magnuson Park North Shore Recreation Area, in Seattle, King County, Washington.

<u>WORK</u>: Install two fixed docks, three gangways, three floating docks, and nineteen 14-inch steel piling installed by vibratory method.

<u>PURPOSE</u>: Complete development of a non-motorized boating center.

<u>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</u>: The proposed work was previously authorized by a Department of the Army permit issued December 10, 2004 under the same Corps of Engineers Reference Number shown above. The majority of the work authorized in 2004, referred to as Phase I in the enclosed project drawings, was completed in 2006. The remaining work was not completed before the 2004 permit expired. The current proposed work, referred to as Phase II, would complete development of the Magnuson Park North Shore Recreation Area non-motorized boating center.

MITIGATION: Mitigation for both phases I and II construction activities was implemented during phase I construction. Mitigation included construction of two shoreline habitat restoration areas along 640 linear feet (0.23 acres) of Lake Washington shoreline in the North Shore Recreation Area. Additionally, phase I construction included conversion of 600 linear feet of bulkhead to a gravel beach and removal of some overwater structures such that completion of both phase I and II work will result in a net reduction of overwater structural coverage by 175 square feet. The fixed docks and gangways over the nearshore will be grated to maximize light passage. An additional mitigation component, installation of willow stakes along 600 linear feet of Lake Washington shoreline

at the east edge of Magnuson Park, referred to in the 2004 permit as Shoreline Restoration Area #3, has been postponed pending resolution of contaminated soils issues.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and/or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) pursuant to Section 7 of ESA on all actions that may affect a species listed (or proposed for listing) under the ESA as threatened or endangered or any designated critical habitat.

After receipt of comments from this public notice, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will evaluate the potential impacts to proposed and/or listed species and their designated critical habitat.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, requires all Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The proposed action would impact EFH in the project area.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has determined that the proposed action will not adversely affect designated EFH for federally managed fisheries in Washington waters. No further EFH consultation is necessary.

<u>CULTURAL RESOURCES</u>: The District Engineer has reviewed the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, lists of properties determined eligible and other sources of information. The Corps' preliminary determination is that the proposed work involves activities of a limited, incidental and low volume disturbance resulting in a low potential to cause effects to historic properties. The District Engineer invites responses to this public notice from Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies; historical and archeological societies; and other parties likely to have knowledge of or concerns with historic properties in the area. This public notice initiates consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR 800.4[a][3]), with any Tribe that has information or concerns with historic properties in the proposed permit area.

<u>PUBLIC HEARING:</u> Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

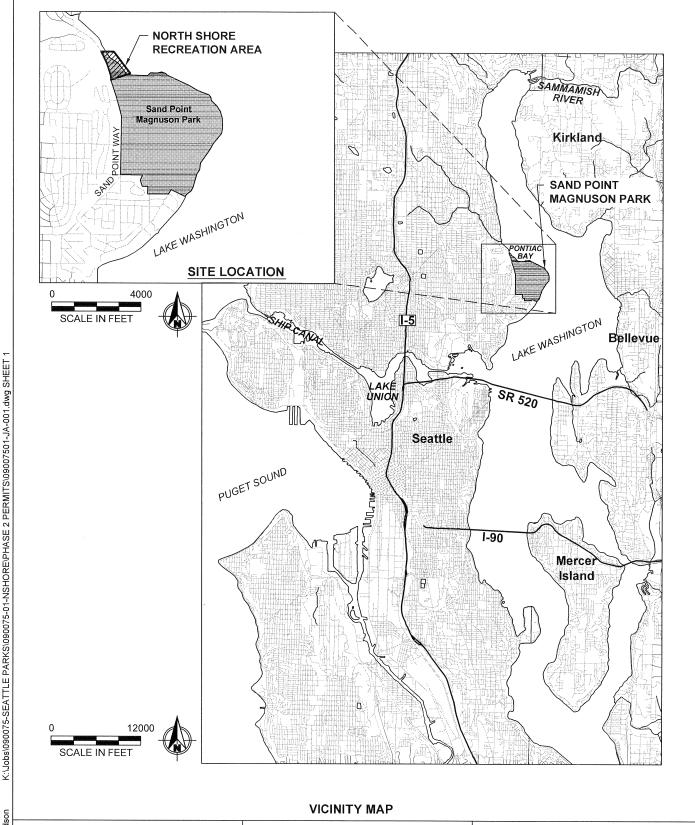
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for the work. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the

other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the activity.

COMMENT AND REVIEW PERIOD: Conventional mail or e-mail comments on this public notice will be accepted and made part of the record and will be considered in determining whether it would be in the public interest to authorize this proposal. In order to be accepted, e-mail comments must originate from the author's e-mail account and must include on the subject line of the e-mail message the permit applicant's name and reference number as shown below. All e-mail comments should be sent to Alisa.A.Ralph@usace.army.mil. Conventional mail comments should be sent U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, Post Office Box 3755, Seattle, Washington, 98124-3755. Both conventional mail or e-mail comments must include the permit applicant's name and reference number, as shown below, and the commentor's name, address, and phone number. All comments whether conventional mail or e-mail must reach this office, no later than the expiration date of this public notice to ensure consideration. Please include the following name and reference number:

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PURPOSE: COMPLETE DEVELOPMENT OF NON-MOTORIZED BOATING CENTER

DATUM: LAT: 47°41'17.74"N LONG: 122°15'50.34"W VERTICAL: NAVD88 ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS: NAME: NORTH SHORE RECREATION AREA

REFERENCE #: NWS-2002-190-WRD

SITE LOCATION ADDRESS: 7400 SAND POINT WAY N.E. SEATTLE, WASHINGTON APPLICATION BY: CITY OF SEATTLE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

IN: LAKE WASHINGTON AT: SAND POINT, MAGNUSON PARK, SEATTLE COUNTY OF: KING STATE: WASHINGTON

DATE: MAY 27, 3009

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